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THE MARKETPLACE

SHOWS

May found us in Philadelphia, Denver and San Jose. These three shows were typical of the current show situation. Unfortunately, shows continue to fail to advertise and attempt to attract new local customers. It is with this in mind that further plans are now being made to expand the concept of the **Classical Numismatic Bourse**. Plans are already underway for two more CNB's for 1988.

Classical Numismatic Bourse Dates for 1988.

Oct. 28-29: Dallas

Nov. 18-19: San Francisco

More information to follow in the months to come. Next year, plans are underway to have five meetings of the CNB. Three is San Francisco, one each in Dallas and Washington.

AUCTIONS

Bank Leu sale 45 went off in Zurich at the end of May. This sale offered a tremendous array of Greek and Roman coins. Top knotch specimens continued to attract world record prices. My 25,000 Franc bid held little chance on a marvelous Agrippina Sestertius that was purchased by a New York collector for his collection at a record 43,000 Sfr. However, we did manage to snare a few of the rarer late Roman pieces on behalf of a customer. Hoard material seemed to be the weakest part of the sale. This would naturally follow, as this material is constantly flooded onto the market place.

Lanz Sale 44 also took place in mid May. The weak dollar made it difficult for the US collector to compete here for mid range material.



Rarities abound in this special all gold issue. Libius Severus (#6) is one of the last rulers of the western empire. Nicephorus III (#36) is an elusive 10th century ruler of Byzantium

CLASSICAL NUMISMATIC AUCTIONS, LTD. - UPDATE

Please note that the closing date for consignments for the fall mail bid sale are fast approaching. For material to be considered for this fall sale, it must be in our hands no later than July 11, 1988. If you have material for this sale - call us now. Currently there is a nice selection of material already on hand, though items in all areas will still be considered.

The cut off date for our December Public Auction is Monday, October

3, 1988. This is the Monday after Longbeach. Material to be considered for this sale must be of higher quality and have at least a minimum value of \$250.00.

Already on hand for this December sale are several important Greek pieces including a top quality tetradrachm from Syria, issued for Seleukos I - depicting Alexander in a panther skin helmet. A nice XF/VF+, well centered and well struck.

A SAD NOTE

*We mourn the passing of
John Barton - OWL, Ltd.
Our sympathies go out to
his family -
his wife Becky and his
son's Edward and Jeremy.*

Becky's Address:
114 Western Ave-Box 687
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JULY 1988

July 8-10

Metro Washinton Numismatic
Association
Sheraton Inn
Lanham MD

July 11, 1988

Deadline for consignments for Classical Numismatic Auctions, Ltd.
Sale IV

July 20-24

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ASSOCIATION
Cincinnati, OHIO

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ROMAN GOLD

1. **Tiberius.** 14-37 AD. Aureus. Laureate bust right. Livia seated right holding branch. RIC 27. BMC 39. Superb XF. R 2. \$4750.00
2. **Constans.** 337-350 AD. Solidus. Diademned bust right. Victory seated before shield held by cupid inscribed VOT V MVLT XX. Antioch mint. RIC 29. XF. Rarity 2. \$1775.00
3. **Valentinian II.** 375-392 AD. Solidus. Diademned bust right. Valentinian and Gratian seated facing, angel above. Treveri mint. RIC 90(a). Superb XF. \$2100.00
Ex: Montague Collection #942.
4. **Theodosius I.** 379-395 AD. Solidus. Diademned bust right. Constantinople with shield, foot on prow. Constantinople mint. RIC 71(b). XF. \$975.00
5. **Theodosius II.** 402-450 AD. Solidus. Diademned bust facing three quarters right, spear on shoulder. Constantinople seated left. Constantinople mint. RIC Hunter 17. Nice XF. \$695.00
6. **Libius Severus.** 461-465 AD. Solidus. Diademned bust right. Emperor standing facing with long cross and winged Victory. Rome mint. Lacam pl. 87, Type C 1 (w/o star). Choice XF. Very Rare. \$6950.00
7. **Zeno.** 474-491 AD. Solidus. Helmeted bust facing three quarters right, spear on shoulder. Victory standing left with cross. Constantinople mint. RIC Hunter 5. XF. \$565.00
8. **Zeno.** As previous. XF. Nice style. \$635.00
9. **Zeno.** As previous. Thessalonica mint. Unusually bold style. Berk 28. Superb XF. Very Rare. \$1450.00
14. **Justin II.** 565-578 AD. AV Tremissis. Diademned bust right. Winged Victory facing. SB 353. XF. \$225.00
15. **Maurice Tiberius.** 582-602 AD. Solidus. Facing bust. Angel standing facing. SB 478. Choice XF. \$365.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, #705.
16. **Phocas.** 602-610 AD. Solidus. Crowned bust facing with pendilia. Angel standing facing. SB 616. XF, rare and seldom offered. \$800.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, #724.
17. **Phocas.** 602-610 AD. Solidus. Crowned bust facing. Angel standing facing. SB 618. Choice XF. \$450.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, #726.
18. **Phocas.** 602-610 AD. Solidus. Crowned bust facing. Angel standing facing. SB 620. Choice XF. \$450.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, #731.
19. **Phocas.** 602-610 AD. Tremissis. Diademned bust right. Cross. SB 634. Choice XF. \$225.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, #746.
20. **Heraclius.** 610-641 AD. Solidus. Bust facing. Cross potent on three steps. SB 731. Choice XF. \$575.00
Lacam Pl. LV-A, 1 (this coin). Ex: NFA XVIII, #751.
21. **Heraclius.** 610-641 AD. Solidus. Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine busts facing. Cross potent. SB 734. Superb XF. *Ex: NFA XVIII, #766.* \$465.00
22. **Heraclius.** 610-641 AD. Solidus. As previous, busts same size. SB 749. Choice XF, scarce. \$475.00
23. **Heraclius.** 610-641 AD. Solidus. Heraclius flanked by Heraclius Constantine and Heraclonas. Cross potent. SB 767. Superb XF. \$425.00
24. **Heraclius.** 610-641 AD. Semissis. Diademned bust right. Cross potent on globus. SB 784. XF. \$195.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, lot 758.
25. **Heraclius.** 610-641 AD. Solidus. Rome mint (?). Facing busts of Heraclius and Heraclius Constantine. Cross potent. SB 929. Choice XF. Very Rare. \$995.00
Ex: NFA XVIII, lot 780.
This distinctive style exhibits Italian characteristics which are different from those of Ravenna. Hahn's tentative attribution to Rome seems acceptable.

DARK AGES

10. **Theoderic.** 493-526 AD. Psuedo Imperial Issue. Tremissis. Diademned bust right. Winged Victory with orb, in exergue COMOB. Grierson 114. Slightly wrinkled F+. \$225.00

BYZANTINE

(ALL COINS FROM CONSTANTINOPLE)

11. **Anastatius.** 491-518 AD. Solidus. Bust three quarters right. Victory standing left with long cross. SB 5. Near XF. \$465.00
12. **Justinian I.** 527-565 AD. Semissis. Diademned bust right. Victory seated right. SB 143. Superb XF. \$295.00
13. **Justin II.** 565-578. Solidus. Bust facing. Constantinople seated. SB 345. VF+. \$295.00
26. **Constans II.** 641-668 AD. Solidus. Bust facing. Cross potent. SB 941. Choice XF. \$475.00
27. **Constans II.** 641-668 AD. Solidus. Bust facing with long beard and moustache. Cross potent. SB 956. XF. \$450.00
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